RUBBER :

No targets were fixed for export of Natural Rubber during the last three years as it is not a regular item of export. However, under the current import-export Policy, export of Natural Rubber is allowed :

Rubber exported during the last three years is as under :—

Year	Quantity
1991-92	5,834 MT
1992-93	5,999MT
1993-94	186 MT

Targets for Growth of Exports and Imports

1780. DR. B. B. DUTTA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set for growth of exports and imports during the last three years ;

(b) how far these have been realised ;

(c) the targets set for the growth of exports during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) how far the present trends in the growth of exports promise to achieve the targets fixed for the Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) Export targets and performance of exports during 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 are given below :

Year	(US $ million) Export Targts	Value of Exports
1991-92	—	17865
1992-93	20132	18537
1993-94	22138	22238

(No target was set in 1991-92 due to uncertaintiees in global trading environment, collapse of the erstwhile Soviet Union and the time lag for the far reaching reforms initiated since July, 91 to have a real impact on exports). No targets are set for imports, which are made as per the requirements of the economy.

(c) The Eighth Plan (92—97) envisages an export target of 13.6% per annum in volume terms (i.e. at 1991-92 prices) during the Plan period. Exports during 1996-97 are projected at US $ 33548 million (at 1991-92 prices and exchange rates).

(d) It is expected that with the present trend and the export-friendly environment prevailing in the economy, the export target set for the Eighth Plan will be achieved.

Compositional Shift in India's Exports

1781. DR. B. B. DUTTA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been compositional shift in India's exports ;

(b) if so, the details threreof ; and

(c) how far this change has benefited India's exports?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) It is India's endavour to diversify its export basket, both in terms of commodity and country coverage. The percentage share in total exports of non-traditional product groups of Ready-made Garments, Processed Food, Gems and Jewellery, Chemicals and Engineering goods have registered an increase over the last few years.

Boosting Indian Exports in European Union Countries

1782. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Exports will receive a boost in the European Union Countries ;

(b) if so, the products proposed to be exported to those countries;

(c) what special arrangements have been made with EU Countries for boosting our exports ; and

(d) what is the estimated volume of trade with the EU Countries in the year 1995-96 in terms of dollar, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (d) Exports to the countries of the European Union have been growing at an average rate of 8.96% in dollar terms since 1990-91. It may, however, be too early to estimate the volume of trade to these countries in 1995-96.

Indian exports to the European Union include traditional items such as textiles, gems and jewellery, leather/jute products, garments and chemicals. Other areas with export potentials are engineering goods, marine products, garments, sports goods, agro-products, floriculture and granites/stones.

Bilateral economic relations are periodically reviewed with the European

Union and its members. Joint Commission meetings have recently been held with Italy and the European Union. A new Indo-EU, Co-operation Agreement on Partnership and Development has also come into force since August, 1994.

प्याज का निर्यात मूल्य

1783. **श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी** : क्या **वाणिज्य** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1993-94 के दौरान और 1994-95 मे अभी तक प्रति मास किस भाव पर प्याज का निर्यात किया गया ;

(ख) इन महीनों में भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने प्याज के लिए कितना-कितना ऋण दिया ;

(ग) इन महीनों में ब्याज का बाजार भाव क्या था; और

(घ) प्याज की जमाखोरी रोकने के लिए सरकार क्या उपाय कर रही है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रणव मुखर्जी) : (क) प्याज के निर्यात पर इकाई मूल्य वसूली के ब्यौरे नीचे दिए गये हैं:

(रु०/क्विंटल)

माह	1993-94	1994-95
अप्रैल . .	521	413
मई . .	429	410
जून . .	463	462
जुलाई . .	431	495
अगस्त . .	428	553
सितंबर . .	516	714
अक्तूबर . .	713	779
नवंबर . .	840	770
दिसंबर . .	1129	
जनवरी . .	975	
फरवरी . .	582	
मार्च . .	466	

(ख) स्थिति भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक से मालूम की जा रही है और उसे सभापटल पर रख दिया जाएगा ।

(ग) वर्ष 1993 तथा 1994 के दौरान माहवार स्थानीय बाजार कीमतें नीचे दी गई हैं :–

(दर : रु०/क्विन्टल)

	नासिक में कीमत रेंज	
माह	1993	1994
जनवरी . .	50.315	180.1000
फरवरी . .	111.360	100.475
मार्च . .	70.370	51.325
अप्रैल . .	20.193	39.191
मई . .	40.203	31.171
जून . .	50.275	45.300
जुलाई . .	70.270	80.310
अगस्त . .	92.370	80.310
सितंबर . .	105.545	150.603
अक्टूबर . .	151.865	97.715
नवम्बर . .	201.1100	100.647
दिसंबर . .	151.931	

(घ) चूंकि प्याज एक नष्ट होने वाली मद है इसलिए आमतौर पर व्यापारियों द्वारा इसका संग्रह नहीं किया जाता है ।

Membership of NAFTA

1784. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India has reached the required level of development which entitles her to become a member of the North American Free Trade Association (NAFTA) ;

(b) whether Government have taken any action in this regard ;

(c) if so, the benefits likely to accrue to India after joining NAFTA ; and

(d) what has been the reaction to the move made by India ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) is a trilateral agreement between the United States, Canada & Maxico. Under this agreement the accession clause relating to joining of new members is as follows :

> "The NAFTA provides that other countries or groups of countries may be admitted into the Agreement if the NAFTA countries agree, and subjct to terms and conditions that they may require and to the completion of domestic approval procedures in each country."

(b) India has not made any proposal at present to join the NAFTA.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Proposal Regarding Joining Paris Convention

1785. SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) when India propose to join the Paris convention ;